(c) the criteria adopted for taking contribution from the employees; and

(d) the services proposed to be provided under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Retired Railway Employees, his/her spouse and dependent widowed mother on one time contribution of last month's basic pay are entitled to free outdoor and indoor treatment in Railway Hospitals/Health Units, 50% re-imbursement towards the treatment taken in Govt. Hospitals in referred cases, free supply of artificial limb once and supply of pace makers if implanted in Railway Hospitals at nominal cost.

Flight Punctuality of Air India/Indian Airlines

*669. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:

SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flights of the Indian Airlines and the Air India which could not take off on scheduled time during the past six months; and

(b) the reasons therefor and steps taken to ensure punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of the delayed flights in Indian Airlines/Air India during the past six months are given below:-

STATEMENT

Month	*Scheduled Flight of Indian Airlines*	*Number of Flights Delayed*	*Scheduled Flights of Air India*	*Number of Flights Delayed*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
February	4470	1363	865	86
March	6850	1955	1032	87
April	6556	2009	1238	131
May	7351	2598	934	129
June	7077	3408	1171	174
July	7286	2410	1338	166

(b) Engineering snags, weather, delay in airport formalities, bird hits etc. are the main reasons for delay of scheduled flights. It is the constant endeavour of both the Airlines to improve the punctuality of their flights by a close monitoring of the delays and taking remedial steps. As a result of the steps taken, the punctuality rate of Indian Airlines has improved from an average of about 52% in June 1991 to about 75% in August 1991. Air India is maintaining an average punctuality rate of about 88%.

Royalty on Coal

*670. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY:
PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of the Chief Ministers of coal producing States have been convened to discuss the subject of revision of royalty on coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the revision will be made applicable with retrospective effect from the date of imposition of cess on coal by the States; and

(d) the likely net gain to the States after revision, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI. P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Statewise Royalty and Ceases collected and paid by Coal India Limited (CIl) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) during 1989-90 and approximate royalty which would have accrued to the States on the basis of revised rates of royalty on coal which have been made effective from 1.8.1991 is given below: